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## Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia Elected President of CSAC

SACRAMENTO –The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) elected Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia to serve as its President for the next year. He was officially installed November 21 at the CSAC Annual Meeting in San Jose, Santa Clara County. Gioia had previously served as the Association's First Vice President.

"California's 58 counties do much of the work that impacts all of our state's residents in their daily lives such as health care, public safety, water and transportation," said Supervisor Gioia. "That's why CSAC's role representing Counties in Sacramento is so critical. I plan to focus our efforts on investing in prevention services as much as possible, and I am looking forward to a busy and effective year as President of CSAC."

Supervisor Vito Chiesa from Stanislaus County was elected to serve as First Vice President, and Supervisor Richard Forster from Amador County will serve as Second Vice President. Supervisor David Finigan from Del Norte County will move to Immediate Past President.

"Supervisor Gioia has already been extremely helpful to us in Sacramento as we work with the Governor and Legislature on a variety of issues including health care reform and criminal justice realignment," said CSAC Executive Director Matt Cate. "His political acumen and passion for helping people make him a real asset to Contra Costa County and to all 58 California Counties. We are looking forward to a great year under his leadership."

Supervisor Gioia has served as a CSAC Officer for the past two years and has been on the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors since 1999.

The California State Association of Counties is the voice of California's 58 counties at the state and federal level.

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